GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUB-WAYS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of sub-ways in Delhi are lacking safety and cleanliness and these are unsafe for the girls and women;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the conditions of sub-ways;

(c) whether any outside agency has been engaged for safety and cleanliness point of view;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of sub-ways not in use alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(f) the amount spent on these sub-ways alongwith steps taken for use of the sub-way to any other fruitful purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): As per reports received from the New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Public Works Department of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the sub-ways maintained by these agencies are user-friendly, well-lit and safe. New Delhi Municipal Council has given the contract to private agencies for security and cleanliness of the sub-ways maintained by it. The Public Works Department has also engaged private guards for the security purposes. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has initiated action to give contract to private agencies for cleanliness, lighting and security of eight sub-ways against advertisement rights on monthly license fee basis.

(e) & (f): One sub-way located at Pandit Pant Marg under the jurisdiction of New Delhi Municipal Council has been closed for use by Public on account of security of Parliament. The approximate amount spent on this sub-way was Rs. 85 lakh. Another sub-way located in Gokulpuri is not in public use as a flyover has been constructed over it by Delhi Development Authority thereby blocking the entry and exit points. The approximate amount spent on this sub-way was Rs. 1.5 crore. Action has been initiated to explore the possibility to use this sub-way in some other way.